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SUBJ: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN NPT EXPORTERS' COMMITTEE

AND LONDON SUPPLIERS' GROUP

1. IN JULY 9 MEETING PRECEDING AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE, NCST/SCNE PRESIDENT URSU (NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/ STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY) ABRUPTLY ASKED "WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN LONDON," AND REFERRED TO INFORMATION HE HAD THAT "EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE JOINING, EVEN THE POLES." HE LAUGHED AT HIS OWN OBSERVATION THAT "ROMANIA IS AS MUCH A SUPPLIER AS POLAND" AND THEN ASKED SERIOUSLY FOR ANY INFORMATION US COULD GIVE TO HELP GOR LEARN WHAT WAS REQUIRED TO JOIN NPT EXPORTERS' COMMITTEE (ZANGGER) AND EVENTUALLY LONDON SUPPLIERS' GROUP.

2. SCIATT REPLIED THAT ZANGGER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP WAS A MATTER BETWEEN THE INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AND IAEA AND SHOULD BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY WITH IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL. CONCERNING

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LONDON, HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IT SEEMED LIKELY ANY NEW

PARTICIPANTS PROBABLY WOULD ALREADY BE, OR VERY SHORTLY BECOME DE FACTO SUPPLIERS, WHICH WAS NOT THE CASE WITH ROMANIA. (URSU THEN SAID HE HAD TRIED TO CONTACT ZANGGER IN VIENNA BUT HE WAS AWAY IN SWITZERLAND.) AMBASSADOR PROMISED NEVERTHELESS TO ENQUIRE WHAT BACKGROUND INFORMATION MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOR BY USG.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS US MISSION'S AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN REPLYING TO ROMANIANS. AMBASSADOR WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE INFORMED IN WASHINGTON JULY 16-23. MUCH INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION ON ZANGGER COMMITTEE ON HAND FOR EMBASSY USE THANKS TO ORIENTATION PROVIDED SCIATT BY US MISSION LAST MARCH. URSU HAD NOT RESPONDED UNTIL NOW TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION LAST SPRING WHETHER GOR HAD EVEN CONSIDERED PARTICIPATION IN ZANGGER COMMITTEE.

4. FYI: ALEXANDRU OLARIU, HEAD OF SCNE'S REGULATORY, PHYSICAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES, TOLD SCIATT JULY 8 THAT SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS IN BUCHAREST HAD ASKED HIM WHAT GOR KNEW ABOUT POLISH MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY IN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY AND PLANS FOR POLAND TO JOIN IN LONDON TALKS. HE REPLIED NEGATIVELY.
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